

EXHIBIT 1

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HB 261

HB 261 FACT SHEET

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Background:

Court cases have grown in size considerably.

Postage has gone up steadily.

Benefits of adding the provision that the Petitioning party be responsible

It will give the Clerks the ability to be reimbursed, some attorneys just say it's your job to do this. Yes it is our job but, every Clerks office in the state has a limited postage budget, so when we have a postage bill of \$150.00 to mail or ship boxes we need to be reimbursed.

Counties should not have to pay for Civil Litigants with paid representation.

We will not charge Public Defenders.